

## NOT VOTING—7

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So the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H. Res. 256.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COMBEST). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

## FINANCIAL FREEDOM ACT OF 1999

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 256, I call up the bill (H.R. 2488) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax relief, to provide incentives for education savings and health care, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COMBEST). Pursuant to House Resolution 256, the bill is considered read for amendment.

The text of H.R. 2488 is as follows:

H.R. 2488

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; ETC.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Financial Freedom Act of 1999".

(b) AMENDMENT OF 1986 CODE.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(c) SECTION 15 NOT TO APPLY.—No amendment made by this Act shall be treated as a change in a rate of tax for purposes of section 15 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(d) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; etc.

TITLE I—BROAD-BASED TAX RELIEF  
Subtitle A—10-Percent Reduction in Individual Income Tax Rates

Sec. 101. 10-percent reduction in individual income tax rates.

## Subtitle B—Marriage Penalty Tax Relief

Sec. 111. Elimination of marriage penalty in standard deduction.

Sec. 112. Elimination of marriage penalty in deduction for interest on education loans.

Sec. 113. Rollover from regular IRA to Roth IRA.

## Subtitle C—Repeal of Alternative Minimum Tax on Individuals

Sec. 121. Repeal of Alternative Minimum Tax on Individuals.

## TITLE II—RELIEF FROM TAXATION ON SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS

Sec. 201. Exemption of certain interest and dividend income from tax.

Sec. 202. Reduction in individual capital gain tax rates.

Sec. 203. Capital gains tax rates applied to capital gains of designated settlement funds.

Sec. 204. Special rule for members of uniformed services and foreign service, and other employees, in determining exclusion of gain from sale of principal residence.

Sec. 205. Treatment of certain dealer derivative financial instruments, hedging transactions, and supplies as ordinary assets.

Sec. 206. Worthless securities of financial institutions.

## TITLE III—INCENTIVES FOR BUSINESS INVESTMENT AND JOB CREATION

Sec. 301. Reduction in corporate capital gain tax rate.

Sec. 302. Repeal of alternative minimum tax on corporations.

## TITLE IV—EDUCATION SAVINGS INCENTIVES

Sec. 401. Modifications to education individual retirement accounts.

Sec. 402. Modifications to qualified tuition programs.

Sec. 403. Exclusion of certain amounts received under the National Health Service Corps scholarship program, the F. Edward Hebert Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship and Financial Assistance Program, and certain other programs.

Sec. 404. Additional increase in arbitrage rebate exception for governmental bonds used to finance educational facilities.

Sec. 405. Modification of arbitrage rebate rules applicable to public school construction bonds.

Sec. 406. Repeal of 60-month limitation on deduction for interest on education loans.

## TITLE V—HEALTH CARE PROVISIONS

Sec. 501. Deduction for health and long-term care insurance costs of individuals not participating in employer-subsidized health plans.

Sec. 502. Long-term care insurance permitted to be offered under cafeteria plans and flexible spending arrangements.

Sec. 503. Expansion of availability of medical savings accounts.

Sec. 504. Additional personal exemption for taxpayer caring for elderly family member in taxpayer's home.

Sec. 505. Expanded human clinical trials qualifying for orphan drug credit.

Sec. 506. Inclusion of certain vaccines against streptococcus pneumoniae to list of taxable vaccines.

## TITLE VI—ESTATE TAX RELIEF

Subtitle A—Repeal of Estate, Gift, and Generation-Skipping Taxes; Repeal of Step Up in Basis At Death

Sec. 601. Repeal of estate, gift, and generation-skipping taxes.

Sec. 602. Termination of step up in basis at death.

Sec. 603. Carryover basis at death.

## Subtitle B—Reductions of Estate and Gift Tax Rates Prior to Repeal

Sec. 611. Additional reductions of estate and gift tax rates.

## Subtitle C—Unified Credit Replaced With Unified Exemption Amount

Sec. 621. Unified credit against estate and gift taxes replaced with unified exemption amount.

## Subtitle D—Modifications of Generation-Skipping Transfer Tax

Sec. 631. Deemed allocation of GST exemption to lifetime transfers to trusts; retroactive allocations.

Sec. 632. Severing of trusts.

Sec. 633. Modification of certain valuation rules.

Sec. 634. Relief provisions.

## TITLE VII—TAX RELIEF FOR DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES AND INDUSTRIES

## Subtitle A—American Community Renewal Act of 1999

Sec. 701. Short title.

Sec. 702. Designation of and tax incentives for renewal communities.

Sec. 703. Extension of expensing of environmental remediation costs to renewal communities.

Sec. 704. Extension of work opportunity tax credit for renewal communities

Sec. 705. Conforming and clerical amendments.

Sec. 706. Evaluation and reporting requirements.

## Subtitle B—Farming Incentive

Sec. 711. Production flexibility contract payments.

## Subtitle C—Oil and Gas Incentive

Sec. 721. 5-year net operating loss carryback for losses attributable to operating mineral interests of independent oil and gas producers.

## Subtitle D—Timber Incentive

Sec. 731. Increase in maximum permitted amortization of reforestation expenditures.

## Subtitle E—Steel Industry Incentive

Sec. 741. Minimum tax relief for steel industry.

## TITLE VIII—RELIEF FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Sec. 801. Deduction for 100 percent of health insurance costs of self-employed individuals.

Sec. 802. Increase in expense treatment for small businesses.

Sec. 803. Repeal of Federal unemployment surtax.

Sec. 804. Restoration of 80 percent deduction for meal expenses.

## TITLE IX—INTERNATIONAL TAX RELIEF

Sec. 901. Interest allocation rules.

Sec. 902. Look-thru rules to apply to dividends from noncontrolled section 902 corporations.

Sec. 903. Clarification of treatment of pipeline transportation income.

Sec. 904. Subpart F treatment of income from transmission of high voltage electricity.

Sec. 905. Recharacterization of overall domestic loss.

Sec. 906. Treatment of military property of foreign sales corporations.

Sec. 907. Treatment of certain dividends of regulated investment companies.

Sec. 908. Repeal of special rules for applying foreign tax credit in case of foreign oil and gas income.

Sec. 909. Study of proper treatment of European Union under same country exceptions.